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SUBJECT: SALES OF DEFENSE RELATED GOODS BY US FIRMS THROUGH  
FOREIGN SUBSIDIARY IN THIRD COUNTRY

REF: STATE 057671

1. EMBASSY AND MAAG DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GROC WOULD BE  
RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH A THIRD-COUNTRY SIBSIDIARY OF AN  
AMERICAN FIRM. WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GROC WOULD  
REQUIRE AN AMERICAN NATIONAL TO REPRESENT AN AMERICAN  
FIRM--IN FACT SOME US DEFENSE FIRMS ARE PRESENTLY REPRE-  
SENTED BY CHINESE CITIZENS. GIVEN THE USG RESTRICTIONS  
ON SALE OF DEFENSE-RELATED ITEMS WE BELIEVE THE GROC  
MIGHT SEE (INCORRECTLY) A POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE IN DEALING  
THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES IN HOPE OF CIRCUMVENTING SOME USG  
MUNITIONS CONTROL REGULATIONS.

2. WHILE THERE ARE THIRD-COUNTRY U.S. SUBSIDIARIES OPERATING  
IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR ON TAIWAN, WE ARE NOT AWARE  
OF ANY CASES WHERE A U.S. DEFENSE SUPPLIER IS REPRESENTED  
IN TAIWAN THROUGH A THIRD-COUNTRY SIBSIDIARY. DEPART-  
MENT IS PROBABLY AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT IN DISCUSSING  
PURCHASE OF ITALIAN WEAPONS SYSTEM FOR THE PSMM, THE  
GROC HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH A U.S. FIRM (I.E. THIRD  
COUNTRY IN THIS CASE) IN EFFORTS TO PURCHASE ITALIAN  
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